

## SIX KILLED IN COLLISION.

D. J. &amp; W. LOCAL CRANES INTO REAR OF EXPRESS AT PATERSON.

Twenty-two injured persons taken from the wreck and several sent to hospitals. Express was waiting outside the Barclay Street Station for the Chicago West-bound to Draw Out When the Local Hopped Into It—Day Coach Telescoped.

A serious accident occurred last night on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad within 100 yards of the Barclay Street Station at Paterson, N. J. It was a rear end collision between two passenger trains. The cause was the disobedience of the rules of the railroad company. Six lives were known to have been lost, and twenty-two injured men and women, most of whom were taken to the two hospitals in Paterson. Others, not so badly hurt, were brought to Hoboken.

The following is the list of the killed and wounded:

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## BRITISH WIN BIG BATTLE.

BOERS DRIVEN FROM MODDER RIVER AFTER TEN HOURS OF FIGHTING.

Gen. Methuen Calls It the Hardest and Most Trying Fight in the Annals of the British Army—Force of 8,000 Boers Driven Back—Heavy Loss Probable on Both Sides—British Fight All Day Without Food or Water—Boers Report a Rumble From Kimberley—Rottterdam Rumor That Lady Smith Has Fallen.

Special Cable Dispatches to The Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Not a single item of official news has reached here from South Africa since the receipt of the official despatches, which arrived Wednesday morning, of which, of course, Gen. Lord Methuen's meagre account of the battle at Modder River forms the sole topic of comment in the press and by the public. It is universally assumed that the casualty list, when it comes in, will be terribly heavy, the whole force of Gen. Methuen's despatch pointing to large British losses.

The despatch is dated Cape Town, Nov. 28, 11:45 P. M., and is as follows:

"Gen. Lord Methuen sends the following from the Modder River to-day: 'Reconnoitered at 5 A. M. the enemy's position on the north side of the Modder River, which was strongly entrenched and concealed, with no means of outflanking them as the river was full.'

"Action commenced at 5:30 A. M. The Grenadiers on the right and the Ninth Brigade on the left attacked the position, supported by artillery. They found themselves taken in flank by the whole force of 8,000 men with two large guns and four Krupp. The Naval Brigade rendered great assistance from the railway.

"After desperate fighting for ten hours without food or water in the burning sun we drove the enemy out.

"Gen. Lord Methuen adds: 'It was one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British army. I speak in terms of the highest praise of all engaged especially the two batteries of artillery.'

"Gen. Lord Methuen was successful in getting a small party across the river, gallantly assisted by 200 sappers.

"The critics fail to understand it on what side of the Modder River did the Boers have their position. Some assume that the statements that it was impossible to outflank them must mean that the Boers were on the north side of the river, but the statement that the action was commenced by the mounted infantry and cavalry, as well as the artillery, at 5:30 A. M., is considered to prove that the Boers must have been south of the river; otherwise, the mounted infantry would have been taken in flank by the whole force of 8,000 men with two large guns and four Krupp. The Naval Brigade rendered great assistance from the railway.

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## THE SYNDICATE'S RAKE-OFF.

RECORDS INDICATE THAT IT WAS SEVERAL MILLIONS.

Miller's Concern Believed to Have Cleared \$750,000 in Twenty-Three Days—Who Got the Money?—Grand Jury Considers Brooklyn Police for Letting Miller Go.

The books taken by the police from the headquarters of the defunct "Franklin Syndicate" last Sunday were examined by Inspector Brown and Gen. Love at the Vernon Avenue police station, in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon. The books included several ledgers, two journals, a cash book and a balance sheet, but the transactions recorded in them covered only a short period of the "syndicate's" business.

The books were not well kept, but from them a fair notion may be had of the business of the concern from Oct. 27 to Nov. 24, the day on which the "Syndicate" went up. On the balance sheet the following entry is found:

From Oct. 14 to Nov. 16:  
Took in ..... \$250,455  
Paid out ..... 216,569  
Balance ..... 33,886

The cash book contains the following entries:

Oct. 27.—Received by mail, 273 checks ..... \$13,445  
Received in cash ..... 53,848  
Total received in cash ..... 67,293  
Paid out by mail, 160 checks ..... 7,550  
Received in cash ..... 18,020  
Total received in cash ..... 25,570

Nov. 1.—Received by mail, 148 checks ..... 4,814  
Received in cash ..... 13,150  
Total received in cash ..... 17,964  
Paid out by mail, 218 checks ..... 14,446  
Received in cash ..... 25,540  
Total received in cash ..... 39,986

Nov. 2.—Received by mail, 258 checks ..... 12,182  
Received in cash ..... 4,424  
Total received in cash ..... 16,606

Net balance for week ..... \$124,622

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Received in cash ..... 9,208  
Total received in cash ..... 23,665

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Nov. 10.—Received by mail ..... 6,100  
Received in cash ..... 61,500  
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There is a break in the record of the cash book after Nov. 10, and no complete record of subsequent receipts and disbursements is found in any of the books.

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